

H.R. 2137: Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas.

H.R. 2143: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2181: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 2190: Mr. WILSON, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. WHITE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. ING-LIS of South Carolina, and Mr. LEACH.

H.R. 2193: Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. OBEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HALL of Texas, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. MATSUI.

H.R. 2199: Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 2200: Mr. DREIER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HOKE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HAYES, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. FROST, Mr. CANADY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 2240: Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 2265: Mr. STUMP and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 2270: Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 2278: Mr. ROSE.

H.R. 2290: Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2306: Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 2310: Mr. MOAKLEY and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

H.R. 2326: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas and Mrs. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2341: Mr. SOUDER and Mr. PACKARD.

H.R. 2344: Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 2351: Mr. FOX, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 2374: Mr. WALSH, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. ROSE.

H. Con. Res. 97: Mr. FILNER.

H. Res. 200: Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mrs. LOWEY.

¶121.40 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

42. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Atlanta City Council, Atlanta, GA, relative to Federal drug abuse prevention programs; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

¶121.41 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1915: Mr. KIM.

H.R. 2202: Mr. KIM.

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¶122.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 28, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable JOEL HEFLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶122.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, September 27, 1995.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶122.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

1469. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); to the Committee on National Security.

1470. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report on the progress of the Department in implementing expanded lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction activities, pursuant to Public Law 102-550, section 1061(b) (106 Stat. 3927); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1471. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to the Compania Samalayuca II, S.A. de C.V., pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1472. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting a copy of the Board's report on credit advertising rules under the Truth in Lending Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1613; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1473. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to Australia (Transmittal No. 36-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1474. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 37-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1475. A letter from the Executive Director, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, transmitting the annual report on Federal court decisions which have created mandates on State, local, and tribal governments, pursuant to Public Law 104-4, section 304 (109 Stat. 70); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1476. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report on the necessity to construct modifications to Scofield Dam, Scofield Project, UT, in order to preserve its structural safety, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 509; to the Committee on Resources.

¶122.4 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida during one minute speeches addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. EHLERS made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is addressing a matter currently under consideration by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and under House rules that is not permitted."

Mr. DOGGETT was recognized to speak to the point of order and said:

"Mr. Speaker, on March 8 of this year, Speaker GINGRICH himself an-

nounced a new policy concerning speech on the House floor. Let me quote directly, for your consideration in making this ruling, his comments on March 8.

"He said, and I quote, 'The fact is, Members of the House are allowed to say virtually anything on the House floor. It is protected and has been for 200 years. It is written into the Constitution.'

"Mr. Speaker, it would seem to me, in view of the Speaker's own words, that comments about the Speaker and about ethics on the floor of this House are certainly within the rules of the House."

Mr. EHLERS was recognized to speak to the point of order and said:

"Mr. Speaker, that point that was just made has been made a number of times. The point is simply the rules of the House prevent us from speaking about matters which are under consideration in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and the speaker was out of order."

Mr. WISE was recognized to speak to the point of order and said:

"Mr. Speaker, yes, I wish to comment. As I understood the remarks of the gentleman from Florida [Mr. JOHNSTON], they were directed at the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the process it is undertaking. Those remarks also went to a general process and, as I think he specifically referred to, proceedings affecting any Member.

"Mr. Speaker, certainly I would hope that the general conduct of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct would be a proper subject for discussion here on the House floor."

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida was recognized to speak to the point of order and said:

"Mr. Speaker, if I may further address the inquiry, I agree with the last speaker. I was inquiring and investigating the process of the committee itself, and not into the specific inquiry of the Speaker. I think if the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS] listened closely, the gentleman would see the distinction of his complaints last week and the freedom of speech."

Mr. DOGGETT was recognized to speak to the point of order and said:

"Mr. Speaker, if I might be heard further on the point of order. In consideration of the rules, particularly as it relates to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, I believe that the rules do refer to certain proceedings in front of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct being secret.

"But, Mr. Speaker, when the chairwoman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct comments publicly and repeatedly in the newspapers on this subject, surely there is an exception within our rules to permit our Members to comment on the proceedings in front of that committee when she is, herself, speaking about the Committee on Standards and Official Conduct and how it is disregarding its own rules."